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SUBJECT: FINNISH OFFER ON CANNED FRUIT

REF: GENEVA 11709

1. AT REQUEST AMEMBASSY HELSINKI, AGATTACHE OFFICE,
STOCKHOLM, CONTACTED STANDERTSKOELD, FINNISH MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN ABSENCE OF PULLINEN, PRESENTLY
ON VACATION, TO RELAY CONTENTS OF REFTEL.

2. STANDERTSKOELD SAID HE DID NOT SEE CONNECTION
BETWEEN US OFFER ON VODKA AND FINNISH SUGAR ADDED
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EXCISE TAX, AS VODKA OFFER WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE
UNTIL 1980 WHILE SUGAR TAX IS ALREADY IN FORCE.

3. STANDERTSKOELD FURTHER SAID THAT SUGAR TAX
WAS INSTITUTED ALSO FROM HEALTH ASPECT TO DECREASE
CONSUMPTION OF CANNED FRUIT IN HEAVY SYRUP, MAINLY
IMPORTED FROM THE EAST BLOC.

4. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED US CANNED FRUIT CONTAINS ONLY 20 PERCENT SUGAR. FINNISH LAW ON SUGAR TAX WOULD PERMIT LOWER TAX FOR PRODUCTS IN LIGHT SYRUP. ALSO, A TOTAL EXEMPTION WOULD BE POSSIBLE, IF FINNISH IMPORTERS APPLY TO MINISTRY OF FINANCE, BUT STANDERTSKOELD NOT WILLING TO TAKE INITIATIVE.

5. ENCKELL, AGATTACHE OFFICE, CONTACTED ILMARI SAARI, FOREIGN TRADE DIRECTOR OF TUKO, LARGE IMPORTER OF US CANNED FRUIT (TELEPHONE HELSINKI 19271). SAARI WILL IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR SUGAR TAX EXEMPTION AND PROMISED TO INFORM US OF ANSWER. COPY OF APPLICATION WILL BE SENT TO PULLINEN, IN ORDER TO SPEED REPLY AND HAVE IT CLEARED BEFORE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUED IN SEPTEMBER. SAARI SAID THAT HIS CONTACTS WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE ARE GOOD AND THAT HE KNOWS HOW TO HANDLE PROBLEM.
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